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REMARKS

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1. On 6 November 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Oschatz was occupied by about 1,300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including 40 to 50 percent with artillery insignia and about 30 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The quarters were about 90 percent lighted at dusk. [redacted] units seen returning to the installation from the troop training grounds included about 80 trucks, 16 tank trucks, 5 sedans, 4 jeeps, 18 sidecar motorcycles, 9 half-track armored personnel carriers, 15 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 6 x BA-64 armored scout cars, 19 x 76-mm guns, 8 x 57-mm AT guns, about 12 x 120-mm mortars, about 30 82-mm mortars and about 1,000 troops. A dispensary was housed in the southwestern section of the installation. On 6 November, soldiers engaged in maintenance duty on 3 trucks, 1 sedan and 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers. About 80 soldiers received infantry training. At about 4 p.m., about 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced driving with two trucks, about 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets trained with a 82-mm mortar, about 23 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises and about 25 other soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets did maintenance duty on 2 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 6 trucks, 2 sedans and 2 motorcycles. [redacted]

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2. On 28 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by about 1,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 percent with tank insignia and about 10 percent with artillery insignia. The quarters were 70 to 80 percent lighted at dusk. There was intensive activity in the barracks yard. At about 9 a.m. on 28 October, 6 trucks each occupied by about 25 soldiers stood near the main gate, ready to move out. About 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets engaged in technical duty on 9 trucks, 1 six-wheel armored personnel carrier, and 1 BA-64 armored scout car. Three T-34 tanks, 1 BA-64 armored scout car and 2 trucks with van-like superstructure were parked in the yard, where about 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets including 40 with tank insignia engaged in basic infantry and close-combat training. About 20 soldiers engaged in gun drill with 3 x 76-mm guns. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. Another report [redacted] indicated that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Oschatz was again occupied by the 23d Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div

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after mid-October 1953. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The present report tends to indicate that the 8th Mts Rifle Regt is also stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne (Serial 1721). It is noteworthy that, in both reports, however, a total of 35 x 76.2-mm guns were observed. Although this number is highly exaggerated, the [REDACTED]

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